

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, fo claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (cancelled).

Claim 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (cancelled).

Claim 5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (cancelled).

Claim 8 (cancelled).

Claim 9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (cancelled).

Claim 11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (cancelled).

Claim 13 (cancelled).

Claim 14 (cancelled).

Claim 15 (cancelled).

Claim 16 (cancelled).

Claim 17 (cancelled).

Claim 18 (cancelled).

Claim 19 (cancelled).

Claim 20 (cancelled).

Claim 21 (cancelled).

Claim 22 (cancelled).

Claim 23 (currently amended): A ~~non-woven~~ nonwoven composite material comprising:
a first, fibrous nonwoven layer having variable density and a polymeric material layer
laminated together wherein the polymeric material layer intrudes into a fibrous structure of the
nonwoven layer and is presented at the surface of the first, fibrous nonwoven layer in regions
where the fiber density of the first, fibrous nonwoven layer are lower than the surrounding
regions of said first, fibrous nonwoven layer.

Claim 24 (cancelled).

Claim 25 (cancelled).

Claim 26 (cancelled).

Claim 27 (cancelled).

Claim 28 (cancelled).

Claim 29 (cancelled).

Claim 30 (currently amended). A nonwoven composite material in accordance with
claim 23, wherein:

the polymeric material is selected from the group including extruded film, thermoset
films, cast films, extruded foams, sprayed-on ~~forms~~ foams, and combinations thereof.

Claim 31 (currently amended). A ~~non-woven~~ nonwoven composite material in
accordance with claim 23, wherein:

the polymeric material layer exhibits a different aesthetic quality than the ~~non-woven~~ nonwoven layer, wherein the different aesthetic quality of the polymeric layer is selected from the group including variations in color, tint, hue, brightness, opacity, and combinations thereof.

Claim 32 (currently amended). A ~~non-woven~~ nonwoven composite material in accordance with claim 23, wherein:

the polymeric material layer is in the basis weight range of 0.25 to 6.0 ounces per square yard.

Claim 33 (currently amended). A ~~non-woven~~ nonwoven composite material in accordance with claim 23, wherein:

the polymeric material layer is applied in a predetermined pattern.